

La Michoacana Natural, LLC v. Luis Maestre, et al.
U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina
Charlotte Division
Case No. 3:17-cv-00727-RJC-DCK

EXHIBIT 1

DECLARATION OF LAURA L. CHAPMAN

**Transcript of Bench Trial Before
The Honorable Rudolph Contreras, United States District Judge
September 16, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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PALETERIA LA MICHOACANA, INC.,

Plaintiff

v.

Civil Action 11-1623

PRODUCTOS LACTEOS
TOCUMBO S.A. DE C.V.,

Defendant

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Washington, D.C.
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
2:00 P.M.

P.M. SESSION - DAY THREE

TRANSCRIPT OF BENCH TRIAL
BEFORE THE HONORABLE RUDOLPH CONTRERAS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 following them out because I only get an hour for lunch.

2 And again, I didn't touch her, I didn't come close
3 to her. And she shouted at me, but yet all I asked her was,
4 can you give me an estimate of how long you will be with
5 Mr. Gutierrez? And then Stephanie, as she said, the question
6 was, are you an attorney? And I did not shout it, I did not
7 raise my voice and I had no reason to.

8 THE COURT: So when I go back and look at the
9 videotape that is being taped, as you look back at clock,
10 there is video right next to it, it will show that you did
11 not raise your voice?

12 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, of course. Hopefully there
13 will be audio and you can hear the tone in which she shouted
14 at me. And I told her twice, please don't raise your voice.

15 THE COURT: All right. I'm dubious because I've
16 spent enough time with you to know that you don't have your
17 emotions under control. You are way too close to this case.
18 It is about your client, it is not about you. And you have
19 to control your emotions. And you cannot get, I'm ordering
20 this, within 20 feet of their counsel. If something has to
21 be communicated to them, Mr. War must do it. Understand?

22 MR. ANDERSON: Of course I understand, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Okay. And I will look into getting CSO,
24 not in the courtroom because I'm in the courtroom, but during
25 breaks.

1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

2 I, Lisa Walker Griffith, certify that the foregoing
3 is a correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the
4 above-entitled matter.

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